

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6760  
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS  
AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PEPR, EEC, MT  
SUBJ: EC STUDY OF MALTA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS

REF: BRUSSELS 12932

IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EC COMMISSION DESK OFFICER  
FOR MALTA, MISSION OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT TO DATE  
CONTEMPLATED EC STUDY OF MALTA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS (REF)  
STILL HAS NOT GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND. RECALLING PREVIOUS  
DIFFICULTIES OVER NAMING AN EXPERT STUDY GROUP (TO HAVE  
BEEN HEADED BY A FORMER FRG CABINET MEMBER), SOURCE SAID  
THAT THE COMMISSION, IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID A REPETITION  
OF THESE PROBLEMS AND IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS DESIRE NOT  
TO BE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE STUDY, HAS SUGGESTED  
A PRIVATE CONSULTING FIRM FROM HAMBURG UNDERTAKE THE  
STUDY RATHER THAN TRY TO FIND ANOTHER PERSON OF  
INTERNATIONAL STATURE. ALTHOUGH MALTESE PRIME MINISTER  
MINTOFF HAS ACCEPTED THE HAMBURG FIRM, THERE HAVE BEEN  
PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENTS OVER FIRM'S CONTRACT,  
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ONE OF THE POINTS AT ISSUE BEING HOW AND WHEN THE FIRM'S  
EXPERTS WILL BE PAID. SOURCE FELT THAT THESE CONTRACT  
DIFFERENCES WILL SOON BE RESOLVED SO THAT A FIRST TEAM  
CAN GO TO MALTA IN JUNE. IF ALL GOES AS EXPECTED, A  
SECOND STUDY TEAM SHOULD, HE SAID, FOLLOW IN SEPTEMBER.  
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